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To: House Finance Committee
Subject: In Support of RI Promise (Article I Sec 15 and 2021 H 5524)

Good evening Chairman Abney and House Committee on Education members,

My name is Kellsie King and I am a RI Promise alumni scholar from the CCRI class of 2019. I am writing in support of the Rhode Island Promise at CCRI and urge this committee to vote in favor of making the program permanent. The cost of college is simply too expensive for many families across the state. However, providing two years of free tuition at CCRI will allow thousands of Rhode Island high school graduates the opportunity to earn their degree without the looming debt that comes from higher education.

As a student, I am continuing my education further and hope to enter the workforce to contribute in a meaningful way to Rhode Island's economy. Especially during these times of the COVID-19 pandemic, graduates of CCRI will bring economic development and drive the state's economy. I firmly believe it is a good education policy and smart economic development policy, and I can personally say that I have benefited from such a program.

It is for these reasons that I urge you to support making the RI Promise program permanent to allow thousands of young Rhode Islanders access to a college education and to prove to their families that it can be possible.

Sincerely,
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